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Pride is a wonderful Thing!

During the recent NER Conference the PAWG came together in a life or death situation. While the senior staff was at the awards dinner Captain Arnie Andresen had taken a call from PEMA about another lost person search back home in Central Pa.

This was no average 78 year old hunter lost in the woods. A three year old little girl had wandered deep into the woods and was reported missing. By the end of this Sunday morning I would feel prouder than I ever have been about the PAWG and the people that volunteer across the Commonwealth.

Around 10 PM the Command Group was briefed and a furious effort was made to assist the IC and his team in coordinating teams and other mission assets. Aircrews were put on alert for first light. Lt Col's Meinert Lee, Captain Andresen and I got on the phone to every searcher we had ever seen in the field. Lt Col Chuck Bechtel was asked to open up our operation at the Granville Fire Company. Major Rick Gray assembled a team from his area and was 1st on scene and into the field. This story just starts here. Lt Col Dick Runyan was also sent to the site to coordinate our ground teams. The senior Ranger staff broke off a major planning session to jump into the fray.

PAWG from all over the Commonwealth banded together in an effort to find this youngster. Every Group in the Wing sent people pouring into the area to search. The Wing responded with over 150 volunteers moving toward Granville by 1AM Sunday morning. The outpouring of enthusiasm from the Commanders and team members was OUTSTANDING! The child was found alive and well. Though our team did not accomplish the save, we brought a major effort to the table and proved once again that we are the most serious part of the SAR service in the PAWG. The little girl was in an ambulance on the way to the hospital before most of you got there. She was in good health at last report.

With Teams preparing to support us from NYWG, NJWG, MDWG and DEWG another 200 searchers were available for the next morning. The NER and MER should be proud of the effort put forth by its Wing Command Groups. The effort put into a night search where the survival rate through the night was low, was the finest hour for CAP in our recent history. We have done some innovative and great things in the past. This was our greatest hour in recent years.

I just want to say "Thank You" and share my pride in our great organization.

M. ALLEN APPLEBAUM, Colonel, CAP
Commander

"These Things We Do That Others May Live"

BLUE ANGELS COMING INTO VIEW, JUST 500 FEET BEHIND US



On November 10, 2005, seventeen Pennsylvania cadets and five senior members flew to Pensacola Naval Air Station on an Air Force KC-10 Aircraft under the command of Captain M. Shane Butler. The view from the "boomers" room at 30,000 feet was spectacular and the cadets received a full demonstration of the "boom's" range of motion.

Day two, found us enjoying Navy chow and conversing with young marines about their future plans. Every cadet expressed gratitude to each service-member they encountered.

Part of this day was spent viewing two IMAX movies and visiting the Museum of Naval History. This museum is second only to the Air and Space Smithsonian - it is wonderful!

Our third day was spent at the Pensacola Air Show - a bad hair day for the seniors - but a good day for all to see helicopters backsliding in smoke, F/A Super Hornets at 76 miles per hour on tail thrust alone and the incredible "Blue Angels" exploding into view at 500 feet from behind us!

The next day found us in Eglin Air Force Base at the Air Force Weapons Museum, where we were amazed at the SR-71 nitrogen-filled tires and the length of the GAU-8 Gatling gun from a Wart Hog.

Thanks to Captain Dan Pompei, Pennsylvania Wing's Special Airlift Coordinator, for all the beforehand arrangements, the trip was a success with clean accommodations, good food and transportation while in Florida, provided to us by the Florida Wing. (More photos on page 8.)

- Respectfully submitted, 1Lt Alan J. Highhouse



Cadet Emily Rentschler,
from Squadron 307,
(Lebanon VFW Cadet
Squadron), wins the
CAP NER Public
Speaking Contest.
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of Completion
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McGuire and Dover Air
Force Bases
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NER AND PAWG NEWS

C/CMSgt Emily Rentschler Takes 1st Place in the NER Public Speaking Contest

Pennsylvania Wing is proud to announce that one of PA's cadets won first place at the North East Region "Public Speaking Contest" which was held in Boxborough Massachusetts during the NER Conference on November 12, 2005.

C/CMSgt Emily Rentschler from the Lebanon VFW Cadet Squadron 307 in Lebanon, wowed the judges with her speech entitled; "CAP - The Best Kept Secret".

Cadet Rentschler is the daughter of Chris and Cathie Rentschler of Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania and is a student at Northern Lebanon High School.

"It was good to see Emily make new friends from other states and hopefully she will be able to attend the conference again next year," said Cathie Rentschler. "Her speech was very interesting," continued Cathie, "just ask her about it sometime." Major Warren Parks, Deputy Commander of the 307, said of Cadet Rentschler, "I am not surprised that she did well. She is a sharp cadet and who really knows all about CAP."

Congratulations Cadet Rentschler. PA Wing is proud of you!!!



Just a reminder...the Deadline for 2006 CAP National Cadet Special Activities is coming FAST...DEC 31, 2005....****Don't wait till then*** Get the information required and proper paperwork done today! >>>Check the Nov Issue of CAP NEWS...Page 10..... all the application procedures are right there on the top left hand corner..... DON'T FORGET...Interviews for all National, Encampment Staff, CLS Staff, and Power Flight Encampment students will be held at Wing HQ..Saturday Jan. 21, 2006...Starting at 9am....You must have all proper paperwork completed prior to interviews....Uniform of the day Blues.
- Bruce Brinker, Lt. Col.,CAP PAWG Director of Cadet Programs





PA WING CISM OFFICER RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

Major (Dr) Chuck Middlestead (pictured on the right) was awarded his certificate of completion of the Advanced Group Intervention Course in Critical Incident Stress Management by Dr. Jeff Lating (Loyola University) sponsored by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF).

Dr. Middlestead was recently appointed to serve as the PA Wing Critical Incident Stress Management Coordinator. The ICISF training enhances his knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively coordinate CISM services in our Wing.

The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) process is designed to mitigate the psychological impact of a traumatic event (e.g., plane crash, natural disaster, serious incident). It also serves as an early identification mechanism for individuals who may require professional mental health follow-up subsequent to a traumatic event. No one in emergency services is immune to critical incident stress, regardless of past experiences or years of service. CISM takes care of CAP members (primarily) and support personnel from other agencies (secondarily) who experience a potentially traumatizing event serving at a mission site or other CAP emergency services activity.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to help develop and manage this important program. Our goal is to have a Critical Incident Stress Team that serves as a network of trained and ready CAP members that spans across the entire wing," states Middlestead.

(Those interested in Critical Incident Stress Management should visit the new CISM link on the PA Wing website.)



Capt Arnold Andresen
Operations Assistant



1Lt Linda A. Irwin
Administrative Assistant



2Lt Michael Lopez
Wing Administrator

Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol Employees



Capt Reginald McDonald
School Initiative Program Director



Mr. William Shoop
Maintenance



Mr. Phillip Richardson
Accountant



Lt Col Robert Meinert
Executive Director

Meet the Newest Member of the Team!

Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol, recently announced the employment of 2nd Lt Michael Lopez as the newest member to their employee team.

2Lt Lopez's duties fall under the guidelines of CAP National's nation-wide employment plan for Wing Administrators to aid the volunteers and to help the CAP state level to run smoothly.

Lopez, a former Moon Township resident, is a graduate of Penn State with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. After serving in active duty as a Field Artillery Officer in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and graduating from college, Lopez was employed as store manager for a Radio Shack in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Stacey, plan to make their home in the Fort Indiantown Gap Area when she returns from her tour of duty in Iraq. Stacey is a Captain in the United States Army. If you would like to contact 2Lt Lopez, call the PA Wing Headquarters or you can reach him via his cell phone at 412-897-5672. 2Lt Lopez can also be reached through the Internet at - mickey0383@hotmail.com.



Employees; Andresen, Irwin, McDonald, Meinert, Richardson and Shoop, welcome 2Lt Lopez to the team. Everyone is eager to work with the volunteers to make PA Wing a successful asset for the Civil Air Patrol organization. For more contact information on any PA Wing employee, please call the headquarters at 717-861-2335.

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PENNSYLVANIA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL CALENDAR

DATE	YEAR	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	POC
JANUARY	2006				
21			CAC		LTC Brinker
21			PAWG Staff Meeting		LTC Vertreace
21			Special Activity Boards, Encampment and CLS	TBA	
FEBRUARY	2006				
4,5			Ranger Winter School WEST		
			Hawk Ranger Staff Interviews	TBA	
18			CAC		LTC Brinker
18			PAWG Staff Meeting		LTC Vertreace
18,19			Ranger Winter School EAST		
			Hawk Ranger Staff Interviews		
MARCH	2006				
4, 5		All Times	Combined Staff Training	PAWG HDQ	
18			CAC		LTC Brinker
18			PAWG Staff Meeting		LTC Vertreace
18-19			Second Ranger Staff Training Weekend	Hawk Mt	
APRIL	2006				
1,2			Third Ranger Staff Training Weekend	Hawk Mt	
8,9			PAWG SAREX (?)		
8,9			Forth Ranger Staff Training Weekend		
			Ground Ops Base for SAREX		
8 to 16			Florida Falcon Ranger School		
15,			CAC		LTC Brinker
15,			PAWG Staff Meeting		LTC Vertreace
29, 30			Fifth Ranger Staff Training Weekend (Tour Weekend)	Hawk Mt	
29,30			Publication Meeting	Hawk Mt	
MAY	2006				
6,7			NER CADET COMPETITION (Tentative) Hawk Work Weekend		
			/Testing/Tutoring weekend	Hawk Mt	
20,21			Sixth Ranger Staff Training	Hawk Mt	
20,21			ES & 101 Training Weekend (open to all)	Hawk Mt	
20			CAC		LTC Brinker
20			PAWG Staff Meeting		LTC Vertreace
JUNE	2006				
2,3,4			Seventh Ranger Staff Training Weekend Survival & Rope	Hawk Mt	
			CLS	FTIG	
17-24		All Times	Eighth Ranger Staff Training Weekend	Hawk Mt	
24,25			Hawk Mt Ranger School -		
25		0900			

2005 PENNSYLVANIA WING AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

LEVEL V GILL ROBB WILSON AWARD

Christine M. St.Onge

LEVEL IV PAUL E. GARBER AWARD

Charles G. Middlestead
William M. Widmann

LEVEL III GROVER LOENING AEROSPACE AWARD

Richard E. Gray
Eugene T. Steffanus
Adam W. Wenclewicz
Pamela L. Russell
Julia A. Postupack
Bret J. Stemrich
David J. Wilson
William W. Parish
Forrest J. Broderick

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Forrest J. Broderick

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Eugene L. Egry

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Julia A. Postupack

COMMANDER'S COMMENDATION AWARD

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Dustin Miller
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Paul J. McDonough
Donna Finchen
Carol J. Whitaker
Shawn T. Canady
Gabrielle Quatse
Maria A. Quatse
Sean P. O'Neil
Jared C. Dewire
Catherine A. Head
Carol McCloud
Heather Weaver Sterner
Brian J. Cuce
Evan J. Conley
Matthew J. Postupack
James T. Postupack
Julia A. Postupack
Russell Semen
Stephan Kantner

PROMOTIONS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

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Jerry Patterson
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Gerald C. Still
Christine M. St Onge
John R. Wilson

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Kevin S. Weaver
Amy B. Flick
David R. Briddell

TO SECOND LIEUTENANT

Conrad T. Shearer
Robert C. Campbell

DISASTER RELIEF RIBBON WITH 'V' DEVICE

*(For disaster support
in Mississippi)*

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James D. McFadden
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*Congratulations to all!
We wish you continued
success in your
Civil Air Patrol careers.
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Wing Slip Readers*





Captain Arnold Andresen instructs students at the Scanner Ground School, held in Lancaster on December 3, 2005.

PA Wing's Group 2 Holds Scanner School

Once again Group 2 has lead the way in preparing our future aircrew members for service. On Saturday, Dec 3, 2005 a Scanner Ground School was conducted at Squadron 304's Headquarters in Lancaster, PA. Seven highly qualified instructors from Group 2, lead a class of 15 aspiring scanner trainee's though 7.5 hours of instruction. The focus of the training was on the "Familiarization and Preparatory Training" portion of the MS 101T. All PA Wing Groups were represented within the student body. At the end of the day all students received a sign off for the tasks completed and were given homework to be completed prior to reporting for the advanced training requirements of the MS 101T. This potion of training is now the responsibility of each individual's unit. The flying portion of the training will be conducted either at Group or Wing Level SAREX, or even at the individual Squadron Level. It was emphasized that each individual trainee holds the key for success as a proficient aircrew member. But, only a team effort leads to mission success.

- Capt. Steven Wilson, 304th Operations Officer



AEROSPACE OFFICER TAKES 603 CADETS TO NEW HEIGHTS

Lt Bill Ellis makes sure Squadron 603 cadets receive the best aerospace education while making learning fun and action filled. "Innovative" is an understatement when applied to his personal approach to the National Aerospace and Model Rocket programs.

During a recent A/E meeting night, Lt Ellis prepared a two-part program on airport design and layout. On the first evening, cadets considered and discussed airport markings and lighting, then were broken into two engineering groups for hands-on work. Each group of cadets was to take a huge sheet of white construction paper to be used as a runway, and then mark the paper complete with heading numbers, touchdown markers, and lighting placement. Each of the teams produced a runway about ten feet long and three feet wide.

For the following A/E meeting night, Lt Ellis cleared 603's cadet meeting room of desks and chairs and converted the complete space into a large parallel runway airport. The two paper runways were then taped to the floor. Small white and blue Christmas tree lights were used to indicate active runway and taxiway lights for night operation. Yellow tape was everywhere and outlined the runways to designate "do not cross" lines. Before the runways were ready for model aircraft landing (both day and night operation), a little more "Lt Ellis gadgetry" was necessary. Fifty-pound fishing line was taped from two spots high on the classroom wall and stretched over the length of each runway. The fishing line was used as the guide line for small model airplanes to slide down to each team's runway. The best "gadgets," toilet plungers, were taped to the floor and used as control sticks at the opposite end of each piece of fishing line. What a rig!!! Credit for the control stick design goes to C/Maj Stuart Ellis, Bill's son.

But the fun was yet to start. During the weeks separating the two A/E nights, Lt Bill Ellis worked with Capt Jim Knights, 603 Admin Officer and pilot, to develop radio dialogue for the cadets to read as they flew their model planes down the fishing line to an accurate landing on the paper runways. Cadets were required to operate hand held radios and to use correct aircraft radio language while guiding their toy planes with the toilet plunger. During landings, Lt Ellis was in another room and acted as the approach controller, tower and ground controller at the other end of the radio.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WITH PIZZAZZ

The Civil Air Patrol career field of Public Affairs Officer (PAO) is one of the more important positions a volunteer can pursue. Squadrons in our Pennsylvania Wing are active in a number of high profile activities and the job of presenting these efforts to others, as well as our own membership, falls upon the PAO. All CAP members deserve recognition for the important work performed from cadet education to homeland security. Lt Pat Nicholson, Golden Triangle Composite Squadron 603, accomplishes this task by producing outstanding pictures and news articles our squadron, the PA Wing and National Headquarters.

Following a "Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show" a few years ago, Pat Nicholson walked into a Squadron 603 Monday night meeting and asked to know what he could do to generate more interest in our squadron and Civil Air Patrol. Wow, what an offer! Pat immediately joined our squadron and has since become a valuable asset.

Lt Nicholson's initial activity was to assume the duties for the creation and production of the Squadron Newsletter. Results were instant and rewarding as Squadron 603 now has one of the most professional and information-filled newsletters in the PA Wing. He is both author and photographer on numerous news articles and works hand-in-hand with Lt David Veres (Sq 603 PAO) to produce news releases for CAP and the local Pittsburgh newspaper companies.

The "Pizzazz" comes with the "extras" Lt Nicholson brings to Squadron 603. He is an amateur photo-journalist and enjoys writing articles, shooting photographs, and submitting event reports for national and international magazines. His articles are usually regarding military vehicle shows and battle anniversaries that come about yearly, both nationally and overseas. Lt Nicholson and his wife travel the world to be involved in as much WWII history as possible.

Lt Nicholson is a World War II history buff and is the owner and "re-builder" of a 1942 MB Willys Jeep. He explains: "I got involved in the restoration of my Jeep three years ago after discovering that a long time business partner in Indiana, PA, had started recovering and restoring old military vehicles as a side "fun" business. As a young Eagle Scout in Erie, PA, my scout troop had a WWII Jeep we used regularly, and even back then I knew I wanted to own one some day. So, when given the opportunity to get involved, there was not a second of hesitation!"

"My MG is a ground up restoration with original or NOS (new old stock) parts. Even the body of the vehicle, which



was rusted very badly,

is pieced together from three separate 1942 Jeep bodies. The running gear is all original and only the canvas sections are not original. These parts are newly made by a military vehicle supply company to "original" US Government specifications. In most weather, I drive the Jeep in parades, reenactment, car cruises, or just around town. I have recently found a 1941 Dodge WC (Military Power Wagon) which I will be starting on next."

Over the past few years, Lt Nicholson and his beautiful Jeep have been used as a Civil Air Patrol recruiting station at "Wings Over Pittsburgh," the Erie Air Show, the Moon Township "Battle of The Bulge" ceremony, and numerous parades involving Squadron 603.

We all thank Lt Pat Nicholson for his involvement with Civil Air Patrol and our squadron, and look forward to many years of exciting photos and news articles. (Photos include Lt Nicholson, driving his 1942 Jeep and standing outside the vehicle, Lt Nicholson on the left with Capt Frost on the right.)

- Capt Bob Frost, Commander CAP Squadron 603



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Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol members, (seventeen cadets and five senior members), recently traveled to Florida via an Air Force KC-10 aircraft to visit Pensacola Naval Aviation Station, Museum of Naval History and the witness the Pensacola Air Show.

"Bad hair day for seniors, but a good day to see helicopters backsliding in smoke, F/A Super Hornets flying at 76 m.p.h. on tail thrust alone and the incredible "Blue Angels" exploding into view at 500 feet from behind us," said 1Lt Alan Highhouse.



USAF ACADEMY CADETS VISIT SQUADRON 603

Lt Col Jeannette Drake, USAFA Admissions Liaison Officer speaks to cadets about the benefits and entry process for the various military scholarship programs. (See story this page - column on the right.)

Aerospace Officer Takes 603 Cadets to New Heights

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Each cadet shot landings in both day and "lights out" night time conditions. Cadets were scored on not only the safe landing of the aircraft, but also on the correctness of radio communications with Lt Ellis. The evening was filled with "white knuckle" flyers, but each landing was successful and the experience unforgettable.

The model rocket program is Lt Ellis' other "fun event," but that is the subject for a separate news article.

- Capt Bob Frost, Commander CAP Squadron 603.



USAF Academy Cadets Visit Golden Triangle Composite Squadron 603

It is not often our Civil Air Patrol cadets have the opportunity to meet and talk "one-on-one" with USAF Academy Cadets from Colorado Springs, Colorado, concerning academy life and entry into this prestigious military university. On Monday 28 Nov 2005, Squadron 603 cadets were given that opportunity by Lt Col Vic Costa, USAFR/Pentagon, who contacted unit commander Capt Bob Frost early in October to explain the USAFA "Grass Roots" program. This involved local Pittsburgh area academy cadets who would be home on Thanksgiving break and who wanted to share academy experiences with local CAP cadets and high school students. After accepting Lt Costa's offer to host "Grass Roots," Capt Frost announced the program to every Group One Squadron so that our own cadets would have the benefit of this one-of-a-kind experience.

At Squadron 603's regular Monday meeting, six USAFA cadets met and talk with Group One CAP Cadets, academy applicants and "hopefuls" from twenty-two Pittsburgh high schools. As the audience was large, one afternoon and one evening session were held with students and parents. Each meeting also included members of local university AFROTC cadet programs, a member of the Air National Guard, and Lt Col Jeannette Drake, USAFA Admissions Liaison Officer. Each set of cadets and Lt Col Drake explained the benefits and entry process for the various military scholarship programs. (See photo on the left.)

Lt Costa, Lt Col Drake and Capt Frost agreed the "first time" Grass Roots meeting was a great success. Not only were our cadets exposed to young adults who had successfully gained entry to the USAF Academy, but many local high school students and their parents had the opportunity to experience Civil Air Patrol for the first time.

Through the request of Colonel M. Allen Applebaum, PA Wing Commander, Capt Bob Frost will be working with Lt Col Costa and Lt Col Drake to expand the USAFA Grass Roots program throughout the Pennsylvania Wing. The value of the Grass Roots program cannot be understated as it is seldom applicants to the USAF Academy and CAP cadets have the chance to meet air force officers who are involved in the academy selection process. As they say at the Air Force Academy: "Who said the sky's the limit?"

- Written by, Capt Bob Frost, Commander CAP Squadron 603



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SQUADRON 1501 AEROSPACE EDUCATION OFFICER SHARES CADET COMMENTS



"We went to a store called the PXBX. It's basically a Wal-Mart. Later that day we went to Dover Delaware and went to the Dover Museum. I saw a lot of planes. They had some classy planes such as the P-51 Mustang, DC-3 and a lot of others. Outside the museum we got to walk around and got in to some really big planes. They had a C-130, a C-133 and alot others. After we looked at most of the aircraft we watched a C-5 Galaxy take off. Those are big! I have learned that they are as long as a football field and can hold as much as 8 school buses. After we saw it take off, we went inside and looked at some other interesting things. Inside they had a glass case with medals in it, such as the Medal of Honor and other medals.

Going to New Jersey, Philadelphia and Delaware was very exciting. I took so many photos and had one of the best times ever. This was and probably will be my best CAP trip ever!"

- C/TSgt Nathan Hutsky

"We all got so many pictures of so many things. We all want to do it again and we all had fun on our trip. Now when I go into the Air Force, I want to be stationed at McGuire Air Force base. They just have so many things we could have done but we only had about a day there but we were lucky to have that. I thank Lt Murphy for taking us and helping us the whole time and learn more things. I had so much fun there and learned so much I just can't describe it. Maybe we will do it again sometime soon because everyone loved it."

- Cadet William Galbreath

1Lt Thomas C. Murphy, Squadron 1501's Aerospace Education Officer, arranged for a trip for the cadets and senior members from his unit, to visit the McGuire and Dover Air Force Bases on November 17 to the 19, 2005. While taking the time to thank Senior Airman White and the 305 AMW community for all their assistance, guidance and efforts to make the trip special, he decided to also share some of the cadet's comments through copies of their written trip reports. "These cadets are in grades 7 - 10, and they are pumped-up! You know... there reports are just too good NOT to share, writes Lt Murphy.

"It seems there are so many bad things in this world that can easily and quickly trap a young person and it's rare to find something that has such a positive impact. (Being retired Air Force, I already had the inside-secrets on the jewels known as McGuire and Dover)," writes Lt Murphy.

After reading copies, this editor also decided to share the reports. I hope the Keystone Wing Slip readers enjoy them as well. Unfortunately with limited amount of space, we could only share with you high-lighted paragraphs. We hope you will enjoy reading them.

"On Thursday, November 17, 2005 I awoke out of bed anxiously awaiting my first out-of-state squadron trip. Lt Murphy kindly arranged a trip with the Air Force so that we could travel to McGuire AFB on a KC-10 and as well a visit to Dover AFB. Five of us were lucky enough to participate in this once in a life-time experience.

Pictures - is all I can say...we had no time to talk to each other. I took over 100 pictures on that flight so the memories would never be forgotten.

I now feel part of my dream being completed, flying neck and neck with another airplane of the same super size. Nearing the end of the flight, "Rizz" took two of us back into the boom.

We will never forget this trip and it will always be in Squadron 1501's memories."

- C/MSgt Gualardo

Pensacola, Florida photos; credits Lt Col Harold Aaron